

**CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD**

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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS  
LOS ALAMITOS QUARTER HORSE RACING ASSOCIATION**

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Report of the Board of Stewards for the week April 19 through April 22, 2018.

**THURSDAY**

04/19/2018

(1) **DUTY STEWARD**

Tom Ward was in the office this past Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday for the entry process and scratches. Entries were somewhat difficult to obtain, but the crew managed to put together an eight race program for Friday, a nine race card for Saturday, and an eight race card for Sunday. Scratches and changes were held to a minimum. Ward will also be responsible for compiling the minutes for the week.

**FRIDAY**

04/20/2018

(1) **EARLY DECLARATIONS**

1<sup>st</sup> race - #5 More Sun (Vet-sick) refund of \$457.00  
3<sup>rd</sup> race - #3 Majestic Endeavor (entered back) refund of \$108.00  
4<sup>th</sup> race - #2 Strong Lyke Bull (entered back) refund of \$262.00  
5<sup>th</sup> race - #9 Strawfinders Stela (entered back) refund of \$83.00

(2) **MEDICATION HEARING**

**RULING #83**

TRAINER ROBERT LUCAS IS FINED FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)\* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1890 (A)(POSSESSION OF CONTRABAND).

This ruling was issued after a hearing with Mr. Lucas regarding the syringe and needle found on a ledge in front of the stall of one of his horses. Mr. Lucas explained that the owner of the horse, licensed veterinarian Sam Wittlin, had treated the horse with gentamycin, an antibiotic, and had absentmindedly left the appliance on the ledge. He was adamant that the contraband was not his. While his statement is likely true, it was explained that he is ultimately responsible for what is found in his shedrow.

(3) **RIDER REPLACEMENT**

Jockey Juan Sanchez was injured during the warmup period as his mount, #1 Eldaafirst, became fractious and unseated him. Initial reports indicated an injured shoulder. A replacement rider was named.

(4) **RIDER TAKES OFF**

Jockey Alex Jiminez was taken off of his mount in the third race as he became upset after he was informed that he had been fined for missing a mount three weeks ago. He said he could not do justice to his mount. A replacement rider was named. He was informed that we wanted to meet with him on Saturday.

(5) RIDER EXCUSED

Jockey Marcial Ramirez was excused from his mount in the eighth race as he became body sore after his mount was injured during the third race. A replacement rider was named.

(6) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	627	On Track Handle:	\$88,563.20
Off Track Attendance:	1,916	Off Track Handle:	\$274,066.10
Total:	2,543	Out of State:	\$746,896.98
		Total:	\$1,109,526.28

**SATURDAY**

04/21/2018

(1) EARLY DECLARATIONS

3<sup>rd</sup> race - #1 Ultimate Game(Vet-injured)  
#5 Silic's Angel(Vet-unsound) refund of \$1,327.28  
4<sup>th</sup> race - #5 Strawfinders Stela(Vet-injured) refund of \$391.40  
6<sup>th</sup> race - #4 Strong Lyke Bull(Vet-injured) refund of \$121.50

(2) RULING #84 (REF. 4-20-2018-4)

**RULING # 84**

JOCKEY ALEX JIMENEZ IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)\* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1872 (FAILURE TO FULFILL JOCKEY AGREEMENT) AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON APRIL 20, 2018.

This ruling was issued in response to the rider arbitrarily taking off of his mount on last evening's program. We attempted to contact him last night to make certain that he did not want to participate, but he left the room before we called, setting off a door alarm in the process.

(3) RULING #85

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JOCKEY JESUS RIOS AYALA IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)\* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688(b)(6) (USE OF RIDING CROP-MORE THAN THREE TIMES IN SUCCESSION, WITHOUT GIVING THE HORSE A CHANCE TO RESPOND-SECOND OFFENSE WITHIN THE LAST SIXTY DAYS) DURING THE SIXTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON APRIL 20, 2018.

The preceding ruling was issued as Mr. Ayala offered no excuse for a violation of the "crop" rule.

(4) FORMAL HEARING

A formal hearing was held this afternoon into a complaint filed by Board investigators against jockey Ramon Sanchez. The complaint alleged violation of California Horse Racing Board rules #1890 (C) and 1891.1. Present at the hearing was the Board of Stewards, Deputy Attorney General Robert Petersen, respondent Ramon Sanchez and his counsel, Carlo Fisco, Esq., Investigator Kevin Kitashima and Supervising Investigator Tom Blake. Michelle Derieg recorded the proceedings.

Counsel Fisco had no problem with wherever the case ended up, whether it be the Stewards or the Board, but did object to a summary suspension being issued. He offered a United States Supreme Court decision from 1978 which concluded that a suspension without a hearing violated due process procedures. Deputy Attorney General Petersen argued that the decision was years ago and he did not have the opportunity to research cases which might preempt the original ruling.

Both attorneys were instructed to file written closing arguments and have them to us by May 10<sup>th</sup>. More to come –obviously.

(5) VOIDED CLAIMS

There were two claims voided during the course of the racing program. The first took place following the third race, as Official Veterinarian Gary Beck informed us that #4 Just A Gem, claimed by Jose Farias, was unsound in the right foreleg while in the detention barn. The horse was returned to trainer Chuck Treece. The second voided claim was in the seventh race as the claim deposited by trainer Valentin Zamudio for #2 Alamode, was negated as the horse was "off" in the right foreleg while under observation in the detention barn. That horse went back to John Cooper's barn.

(6) NO PROBLEMS

The nine race card was run without incident.

(7) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance: 865  
Off Track Attendance 1,805  
Total: 2,670

On Track Handle: \$107,570.00  
Off Track Handle: \$305,018.70  
Out of State: \$763,739.34  
Total: \$1,176,328.04

**SUNDAY**

04/22/2018

(1) EARLY DECLARATION

4<sup>th</sup> race - #2 Gambler's Wish(Vet-sick)refund of \$140.00  
6<sup>th</sup> race - #6 Just A Kid(missed Lasix)refund of \$364.00  
7<sup>th</sup> race - #4 Magic Prize(Vet-sick) refund of 229.00

(2) LATE DECLARATION

A refund was ordered in the sixth race as #1 Paint It Sixty flipped in the starting gate and injured itself, prompting Racing Veterinarian Becky Fitzgerald to recommend that the horse be declared. The late scratch reduced the field to four racing interests, which caused the cancellation of "Show" wagering. The refund total was \$11,834.00. The rider, Alfredo Zepeda, was not injured.

(3) QUIET EVENING

All matters during the course of the racing program were routine.

(4) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance: 546  
Off Track Attendance 1,753  
Total: 2,299

On Track Handle: \$100,255.00  
Off Track Handle: \$324,396.00  
Out of State: \$851,493.67  
Total: \$1,276,144.67

**TRACK SAFETY REPORT**

The weekly inspection was conducted on April 22, 2018. One equine death was reported this week due to racing injuries. During this reporting period 12 horses were added to the Veterinarian's List as follows: 3 for soundness, 4 for injury, 4 for sickness, and 1 for bleeding. Ten horses previously on the Veterinarian's List were examined and removed from the list. This report was submitted by Steward Tom Ward.

**CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD  
SUMMARY 2018**

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI 04/20	SAT 04/21	SUN 04/22	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D				0	0	0	0	8
CAL-BRED RACES		A			0	0	0	0	0
CLAIMS			R		5	1	1	7	110
DISQUALIFICATIONS				K	0	0	0	0	10
INQUIRIES	D				0	0	0	0	27
REFUNDS		A			4	3	4	11	146
RULINGS			Y		1	2	0	3	85
VOIDED CLAIMS				S	0	2	0	2	20

Stewards' Attendance: Stewards Tom Ward, Ron Church, James Dreyer, and Safety Steward David Nuesch were in attendance during this reporting period.

Tom Ward (Steward)  
Ron Church (Steward)  
James Dreyer (Steward)  
David Nuesch (Steward)